

## NEW SOUTH WALES

BUSINESS STATISTICS - May 12th, 1942.

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## PART I - PRIMARY AND EXPORT INDUSTRIES.

### RURAL CONDITIONS - GENERAL.

Seasonal Conditions. During the last few weeks there have been isolated falls in western districts but temperatures remain high and pastures are drying rapidly.

Joint Committee on Rural Industries. The Joint Committee on Rural Industries has issued an interim report. It recommends (1) exemption from military service of key men in rural industries; (2) full use of interned aliens and prisoners of war in rural work; (3) establishment of an authority to organise female rural labour; (4) a large-scale drive to encourage prospecting for Australian phosphate deposits; (5) that the government should bear the whole of the wartime increase in price of superphosphate; (6) release of stocks of fertilisers only for those crops which the Government declares essential, and in the order of priority indicated by the Government; (7) that the Government should issue precise instructions as to the type of rural production most needed.

Linseed. Meggitt's Ltd. have agreed to supply linseed to farmers in approved districts and to buy all crops at world parity at the time of harvest. Present world parity is £25 a ton of 40 bushels. It is hoped that about 50,000 acres will be planted in N.S.W. With a yield of about 10 bushels an acre this should give a crop of about 500,000 bushels. Australia's requirements are over a million bushels a year.

Australian Potato Committee. An Australian Potato Committee will control production, distribution and disposal of potatoes. State committees will administer details of the scheme.

Meat. From 18th May, the Commonwealth Government will purchase second quality mutton at the United Kingdom contract price less 15%. Modifications have also been made to the restrictions on receipt of offals into store for export.

### WOOL.

Little wool is now coming forward for appraisalment. Sydney appraisements to date amount to 1,156,979 bales as compared with 1,163,089 bales for the corresponding period of 1940-41 and 1,303,484 bales for the corresponding period of 1939-40.

U.S.A. wool prices rose in early April. They then receded slightly but are still well above the level of a year ago.

### WHEAT.

Europe. Crops need rain.

Canada. Further sales have been made to U. Kingdom and Portugal.

Australia. In most districts rain is needed to facilitate sowing.

Prices. Chicago futures rose over the week. On May 2nd July options stood at 124 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per bushel compared with 121 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents on April 29th and an average of 123 $\frac{3}{4}$  for the month of April. Winnipeg quotations for July options were unchanged at 79 $\frac{1}{4}$  cents per bushel.

The price charged by the British Ministry of Food for Canadian Wheat has risen slightly from 33/3 per qr. at the end of March to 33/10 $\frac{1}{2}$  on May 1st. Argentine wheat (new crop) was quoted on May 1st at 24/1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per qr. compared with 22/1 $\frac{1}{2}$  (old crop) at the end of March. The increase is probably due in part to the higher grade of the new season's crop. On May 1st Australian wheat was quoted at 28/- per qr. for both old and new season's wheat. During April the old season's crop stood at 27/6 a qr. and the new season's at 28/6.

The Australian Wheat Board's price for wheat for flour for home consumption is unchanged at 3/11 $\frac{1}{4}$  per bushel.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter production is declining on the North Coast, and is very low in the rest of the State.

Cheese production is also low and increased demand for the defence services has further reduced the amount available for civilian consumption.

Owing to the low level of production the May quota for local consumption is higher than usual.

QUOTAS OF BUTTER AND CHEESE FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

N.S.W., VIC., Q'LD., T.S.

Month	B U T T E R				C H E E S E <sup>φ</sup>			
	1934/35 <sup>x</sup>	1939/40	1940/41	1941/42	1934/35	1939/40	1940/42	1941/42
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
July	50	61	73	64	75	66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	51	61
Aug.	55	54	61	57	75	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	41	47 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Sept.	50	42	54	51	75	37	39	36
Oct.	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	34	42	46	37	29	33	28
Nov.	26	32	37	45	44	26	30	29
Dec.	24	32	39	58	38	28	31	29
Jan.	24	32	36	37	40	32	36	37
Feb.	29	36	37	46	50	43	46	45
Mar.	32	40	44	47	58	46	50	42
Apr.	43	47	53	56	61	50	58	44
May	47	50	57	70	61	50	63	68
June	68	69	71		78	50	70	

<sup>φ</sup> Quotas apply to S. Australia also.

<sup>x</sup> Year of record production.

METALS.

Tin. As from 1st May, the price of Australian tin has been increased from £320 a ton to £371. The rise is partly to compensate for increasing costs and partly to encourage increased production. £10 per ton is to be deducted from the new price to form a fund for stimulating development of less profitable ores.

TRADING BANKS.

Since the outbreak of war in Sept. 1939, increased employment and rising incomes have caused a large increase in deposits not bearing interest. At the same time advances have fallen. This has been due partly to a restriction of production for civilian consumption due to lack of imports or government action; partly to the fact that the government has financed some of the expansion of war industries; and partly to direct government restriction of advances. For the March Quarter 1941 the excess of deposits over advances in N.S.W. had reached £m.41.6

N.S.W. TRADING BANKS.

Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Excess of Deposits over Advances.
	Bearing Interest	Not bearing Interest.	Total		
	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1938 Mar.Qr.	62.5	51.7	114.1	114.5	- .4
1939 Mar.Qr.	64.5	51.5	116.0	119.5	-3.5
1940 Mar.Qr.	65.9	60.4	126.3	116.9	9.4
1941 Mar.Qr.	66.5	71.5	138.0	111.2	26.8
June Qr.	65.8	69.9	135.7	113.9	21.8
Sept.Qr.	64.9	71.1	136.0	114.9	21.1
Dec.Qr.	65.9	76.4	142.3	113.6	28.7
1942 Mar.Qr.	67.5	82.7	150.2	108.6	41.6

The Bank of China has been granted a licence to open a branch in Sydney for the benefit of Chinese nationals.

BOND YIELDS.

The yield on government bonds has been kept fairly stable throughout the war period. The Committees of the Australian Stock Exchanges first fixed minimum bond prices on 15th June 1940. The prices were based on those ruling on 14th June/ and are adjusted periodically to allow for accrued interest.

From the end of March to the end of April, the yield on fully-taxed short-dated bonds was unchanged. Part-taxed, short-dated and long-dated bond yields fell slightly.

YIELD ON COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES IN AUSTRALIA

Weighted Averages.

Compiled by the Commonwealth Bank.

Last Wednesday in Month.	5 years and under 10		10 years and over taxed at 1930 C'wealth rates.
	Taxed at full C'wealth rates.	Taxed at 1930 C'wealth rates	
	%	%	%
1940 Apr.	3.20	3.18	3.20
1941 Apr.	3.21	3.07	3.20
Oct.	3.19	3.06	3.19
Nov.	3.18	2.94	3.13
Dec.	3.22	2.94	3.09
1942 Jan.	3.22	2.92	3.04
Feb.	3.23	3.07	3.17
Mar.	3.22	3.07	3.17
Apr.	3.22	3.00	3.13

WHOLESALE TRADE.

In January 1942, recorded wholesale sales were higher than for January of any other year. The increase compared with past years is due partly to an increase in the number of traders registered under Sales Tax Acts. The recent rise in the value of sales is however, due to an increase in the volume production for military and civilian purposes, plus a rise in prices.

WHOLESALE TRADE - N.S.W.

Sales by Traders registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Month	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Jan.	14.2	13.2	16.3	15.8	18.69
Feb.	15.7	16.6	14.6	17.5	
Mar.	15.8	15.8	17.0	17.4	
Apr.	16.8	15.8	17.9	19.1	
May	16.9	17.5	14.9	18.8	
June	15.0	14.9	17.1	21.8	
July	16.2	15.3	16.7	17.6	
Aug.	15.3	16.8	17.2	20.4	
Sept.	17.5	19.4	17.5	21.6	
Oct.	15.7	19.2	18.5	18.3	
Nov.	16.9	17.5	18.1	20.6	
Dec.	17.0	18.3	17.0	20.3	
Total	193.0	200.3	202.8	229.0	

RETAIL TRADE.

The value of sales in Feb. 1942 was 3.4% above Feb. 1941 as compared with an increase of 5.5% for Jan. 1942 over Jan. 1941. February stocks were still 19.2% higher than in Feb. 1941.

In March 1942 there was a buying wave caused by fear of rationing and of shortages of goods. Preliminary figures suggest that stocks fell very heavily to about the level of March 1941. From May 11th 1942, retail sales were restricted to 75% of the value sold during the same period of 1941.

RETAIL TRADE - SYDNEY.

Percentage increase from the corresponding period of the previous year.

Period	Value of Net Sales	Value of Stock	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.
	%	%	%	%
1939 Jan.-Dec.	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 2.6	+ 0.9
1940 Jan.-Dec.	+ 6.3	+17.0	+ 4.0	+ 1.9
1941 Jan.-Dec.	+14.6	+ 8.0	+ 9.0	+ 4.0
1941 Sept.	+20.5	+10.5	+12.2	+ 5.2
Oct.	+18.1	+13.9	+12.6	+ 6.9
Nov.	+ 7.4	+16.2	+ 8.8	+ 5.7
Dec.	+ 4.8	+21.5	+11.2	+ 3.7
1942 Jan.	+ 5.5	+21.1	+ 8.3	+ 4.6
Feb.	+ 3.4	+19.2	+ 4.3	+ 0.7

EMPLOYMENT. (excl. rural employment and household domestics)

Call-up for military service reduced the estimated employment of males in N.S.W. by 10,600 between Dec. 1941 and Feb. 1942. Though no statistics are available, it is probable that rural employment of males fell by more than this figure.

Between Dec. 1941 and Feb. 1942, female employment rose by 2,400, so that the total fall in employment over the three months was only 8,200.

There is a shortage of certain types of labour, particularly rural labour. The need to draw on reserves of female labour is increasing.

EMPLOYMENT IN N.S.W.

Excl. rural employment and household domestics.

Month.	M A L E S			F E M A L E S			T O T A L		
	Govt. (C'th., State, & Local)	Private Employers	Total	Govt. (C'th., State, & Local)	Private Employers	Total	Govt. (C'th., State & Local)	Private Employers.	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1933 June	103.2	275.5	378.9	16.8	101.8	118.6	120.0	377.5	497.5
1939 July	136.5	399.1	535.6	19.4	141.3	160.7	155.9	540.4	696.3
1941 Sept.	143.4	435.3	578.7	22.4	187.9	210.3	165.8	623.2	789.0
Oct.	145.7	434.7	578.4	22.7	190.2	212.9	166.4	624.9	791.3
Nov.	144.3	433.9	578.2	23.0	193.0	216.0	167.5	626.9	794.2
Dec.	146.4	428.2	574.6	23.4	193.7	217.1	160.8	621.9	791.7
1942 Jan.	146.1	420.8	566.9	23.8	191.5	215.3	169.9	612.3	782.2
Feb.	147.2	416.8	564.0	24.6	194.9	219.5	171.8	611.7	783.5

Analysis of payroll tax returns show a fall in male employment from December to February for every classification except building and construction. The increase of 2,100 in employment of this type is mainly due to A.R.P. work.

From December to February, female employment increased in "workshop and factory" "transport" and "other commerce and finance".

N.S.W. EMPLOYMENT OF WAGE & SALARY EARNERS AS RECORDED ON PAYROLL  
TAX RETURNS.

Last Payday in Month.	EMPLOYERS RECORDED BY:						
	All Employers furnishing returns.	Employers whose main activity was:					
		Mining & Quarrying	Workshop & Factory	Building & Construction	Transport	Retail Trade	Other Commerce & Finance
M A L E S '000							
1941 Sept.	497.7	21.8	207.0	20.3	81.1	31.6	48.0
Oct.	497.1	21.5	206.7	19.4	82.6	31.2	48.7
Nov.	495.3	21.7	207.7	19.0	81.3	31.8	48.4
Dec.	491.6	21.7	205.7	17.7	84.6	31.6	46.5
1942 Jan.	482.2	21.3	204.2	18.7	82.7	29.9	45.4
Feb.	480.2	21.2	204.3	19.8	82.5	29.1	44.3
F E M A L E S '000							
1941 Sept.	164.7	0.2	77.8	0.5	3.3	31.5	19.6
Oct.	171.0	0.2	78.6	0.5	3.5	32.2	20.1
Nov.	174.0	0.2	79.2	0.5	3.6	33.7	20.6
Dec.	174.8	0.2	78.6	0.5	3.6	35.1	20.4
1942 Jan.	171.7	0.2	77.8	0.5	3.7	32.6	20.8
Feb.	175.8	0.2	80.1	0.5	3.8	33.3	21.1
T O T A L '000							
1941 Sept.	666.4	22.0	284.8	20.8	84.4	63.1	67.6
Oct.	668.1	21.7	285.3	19.9	86.1	63.4	68.8
Nov.	669.3	21.9	286.9	19.5	84.9	65.5	69.0
Dec.	666.4	21.9	284.3	18.2	88.2	66.7	66.9
1942 Jan.	653.9	21.5	282.0	19.2	86.4	62.5	66.2
Feb.	656.0	21.4	284.4	20.3	86.3	62.4	65.4

The number of registered unemployed continues to fall rapidly. At the end of March, 1942 registered unemployed males were less than a third of the number registered at the end of December 1941.

Of the 2,394 registered as unemployed at the end of March, 258 were on part time relief-work. A large proportion of the remaining 2,036 are unemployable except for special jobs.

In March 1942, the registration of the unemployed was taken over by the National Service Offices of Commonwealth Department and Labour and National Service.

N.S.W. UNEMPLOYED ADULT MALES REGISTERED AT STATE LABOUR EXCHANGES.

End of Month.	In Industrial Areas	In Other Areas	Total	Part-time relief workers	Full-time Equivalent	Registered unemployed not on relief work.
1939 July	38,681	13,426	52,107	20,456	9,606	33,141
Dec.	34,442	11,019	45,461	14,212	6,825	32,613
1940 June	32,783	11,418	44,201	11,302	5,390	33,624
Dec.	20,358	8,383	28,741	9,310	4,478	19,861
1941 June	12,943	4,250	17,193	8,226	3,669	8,967
Dec.	5,838	1,981	x 7,819	x 4,213	x 2,860	3,606
1942 Jan.	2,725	2,016	4,741	1,317	623	3,424
Feb.	2,130	1,414	3,544	867	400	2,677
Mar.	ø	ø	2,394	258	120	2,036

x includes 1,650 workers on N.E.S. work who were subsequently taken off the register.  
ø Not available.

Returns from the National Service Offices show that in addition to 2,394 adult males registered as unemployed at the end of March, there were 2,678 unemployed adult females, mainly in the metropolitan area.

During March a total of 4,091 persons were placed in employment through National Service Offices.

N.S.W. OPERATIONS OF COMMONWEALTH DEPT. OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE.

March, 1942.

	Male Adults	Male Juveniles	Female Adults	Female Juveniles	Total
<u>No. of Persons sent to employment:</u>					
Newcastle	80	6	31	27	144
Wollongong	115	7	-	-	122
Metropolitan Areas	1,025	32	1,657	480	3,194
Other	603	12	16	-	631
Total	1,823	57	1,704	507	4,091
<u>No. of Unemployed re- gistered at end of month</u>	2,394	47	2,678	351	5,470

PART III INDUSTRIES.MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

The number of new motor vehicles registered in March, 1942 was an eighth of the number registered in March 1941 and an eighteenth of the number registered in March 1939.

The total number of motor vehicles registered continues to fall.

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN N.S.W.EXCL. MILITARY VEHICLES.

Month	Total Number Registered at end of month.			Average weekly number of New Vehicles Registered (excl. trailers)		
	Cars	Lorries and vans	Total incl. other vehicles	Cars (Incl. cabs & omnibuses)	Lorries and vans	Total (excl. motor cycles & trailers' plates)
	'000	'000	'000			
1939 March	213	76	325	435	131	566
1940 March	215	76	325	268	106	374
1941 March	207	76	316	167	71	238
1942 March	173	73	274	13	19	32
1941 Oct.	191	75	297	41	41	82
Nov.	191	75	298	39	50	89
Dec.	184	76	295	34	60	94
1942 Jan.	184	75	288	18	31	49
Feb.	179	74	281	22	21	43
Mar.	173	73	274	13	19	32

BUILDING PERMITS -- METROPOLIS.

New building is negligible. Permission must be obtained from the Treasury for the erection or alteration of any building, and this control is being operated with increasing severity.

Building undertaken by the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust has been exempt from this control. On 5th May the Treasurer announced that owing to the shortage of labour and material, the Commonwealth Government would discontinue construction of homes for munition workers.

VALUE OF PERMITS TO ERECT NEW BUILDINGS & ADDITIONSMETROPOLIS.

Period	Private & Government Building			City & Suburbs (Excl. Govt. Building)	
	Permits for Houses	Total Private	Government (contracts accepted)	City of Sydney	Suburbs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1938	5,800	14,042	x	3,410	10,633
1939	5,395	12,219	x	1,886	10,334
1940	5,582	11,718	894	1,534	10,184
1941	6,676	10,847	1,439	552	10,295
1941 Mar.	514	857	30	58	799
Oct.	548	768	173	15	753
Nov.	544	809	98	16	793
Dec.	289	539	34	49	490
1942 Jan.	163	247	88	8	239
Feb.	28	121	80	19	102
Mar.	8	56	15	10	46

x Not available.

Of the £56,000 of private building permits granted in March, £45,000 was for alterations and additions and only £11,000 for new buildings. More than half the total value of building permits granted was for alterations and additions to factories.

VALUE OF METROPOLITAN PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS

NEW BUILDINGS & ADDITIONS

Period	Houses		Flats incl. Conversions	Hotels, Guest Houses	Shops & Shops with Dwellings	Factories & Public Garages	Other	Total
	Brick	Wood, Fibro						
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1938	4,902	898	3,400	846	580	985	2,431	14,042
1939	4,477	918	2,782	530	516	1,330	1,666	12,219
1940	4,699	883	2,683	608	373	1,175	1,297	11,718
1941	5,719	957	2,198	44	198	1,183	548	10,847
1941 Mar.	465	50	199	1	16	93	33	857
Oct.	453	95	109	3	5	78	25	768
Nov.	464	80	149	2	8	83	23	809
Dec.	247	42	71	1	5	121	52	539
1942 Jan.	112	51	17	-	3	48	16	247
Feb.	24	4	2	5	4	62	20	121
Mar.	6	1	2	-	2	29	16	56

In March 1942, permits were issued for 7 new dwelling units, but 12 dwelling units were demolished. There was thus a decrease of 5 dwelling units for the month as against 1938 average of nearly 1,000 additional dwellings a month. An acute post-war housing shortage can be expected.

NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS INCLUDED IN PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

METROPOLIS.

Period	Houses		With Shops & Hotels	In New Flats	Converted to Flats	Total new Dwellings	Demolitions & Conversions	Additional Dwellings
	Brick etc.	Wood Fibro						
	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS							
1938	4,652	1,685	239	5,184	419	12,179	326	11,853
1939	4,186	1,661	201	3,751	338	10,137	315	9,822
1940	4,249	1,457	114	3,802	219	9,841	283	9,558
1941	5,063	1,407	63	3,318	149	10,000	197	9,803
1941 Mar.	407	78	5	358	22	870	24	846
Oct.	393	143	-	146	12	694	17	677
Nov.	466	115	1	192	12	786	10	776
Dec.	199	60	2	87	7	355	9	346
1942 Jan.	94	75	1	20	8	198	12	186
Feb.	20	5	-	2	-	27	5	22
Mar.	6	1	-	-	-	7	12	(-) 5

BUILDING PERMITS - N.S.W.

The value of N.S.W. government building (excl. the metropolis) was higher in the first quarter of 1942 than for any previous quarter. The amount shown (£2,119) consists almost entirely of Commonwealth Government expenditure on defence buildings. Metropolitan government building (£184,000) also consists mainly of Commonwealth defence buildings.

The value of private buildings permits for the first quarter 1942, shows a smaller fall for country districts than for the metropolis.

VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS - N.S.W.NEW BUILDINGS, ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Period.	PRIVATE BUILDING.		PUBLIC BUILDING. <sup>x</sup> (C'wlth. & State Govts.)		TOTAL BUILDING.	
	Sydney & Suburbs	Other N.S.W. as far as recorded	Sydney & Suburbs	Other N.S.W. as far as recorded.	Sydney & Suburbs	Other N.S.W. as far as recorded.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1939 1st Qr.	2,856	1,398	487	168	3,343	1,566
1940 1st Qr.	2,324	1,186	73	603	2,397	1,789
1941 1st Qr.	2,357	955	420	405	2,777	1,360
2nd Qr.	3,243	1,287	275	632	3,509	1,919
3rd Qr.	3,140	1,456	439	715	3,579	2,171
4th Qr.	2,116	1,124	304	947	2,420	2,071
1942 1st Qr.	424	533	184	1,194	608	1,727

<sup>x</sup> Contracts accepted.

The decline in building throughout N.S.W. continued through the first quarter 1942. The total recorded value of building permits for the first quarter 1942 was less than a third of the total for the first quarter 1941.

Returns are not supplied by rural areas with a population of 725,000 or 27% of the population of N.S.W. Columns III and IV of the following table cover approximately half the non-metropolitan population. They include however some shires such as Hornsby and Warringah which for some purposes might be regarded as part of the metropolis.

VALUE OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED - N.S.W.New Buildings and Additions.

(Excl. Government Building.)

Period.	I City of Sydney.	II Suburbs of Sydney.	III 129 Rural and Indus- trial Towns.	IV 7 Semi- urban Shires.	V Total of Foregoing.	VI Net Additional Number of Dwellings.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	No.
1938	3,410	10,632	5,279	1,051	20,372	16,417
1939	1,886	10,334	4,261	1,101	17,582	13,887
1940	1,534	10,184	3,744	1,144	16,606	12,633
1941	552	10,295	3,422	1,336	15,605	12,952
1941						
1st Qr.	156	2,201	712	243	3,312	2,893
2nd Qr.	217	3,017	960	327	4,521	3,873
3rd Qr.	99	3,041	997	458	4,595	3,752
4th Qr.	80	2,036	753	371	3,240	2,523
1942						
1st Qr.	37	387	370	163	957	813

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For the 1st quarter 1942, more than two-thirds of the recorded building permits granted in country towns were for houses.

N.S.W. 129 RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL TOWNS.

Value of Private Building Permits granted.

New Buildings, Alterations & Additions.

Period.	Houses.	Flats & Conversions to Flats.	Hotels etc.	Shops & Shops with Dwellings.	Factories & Public Garages	Other	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1939 1st Qr.	680	75	131	104	69	107	1,166
1940 1st Qr.	568	16	54	89	70	125	922
1941 1st Qr.	500	22	20	38	38	94	712
2nd Qr.	595	36	34	52	101	142	960
3rd Qr.	706	30	10	36	73	142	997
4th Qr.	547	13	5	28	26	134	753
1942 1st Qr.	274	9	1	7	45	34	370

The number of new dwelling units included in the building permits of country towns, declined sharply during the first quarter 1942 -

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Number of Dwelling Units included in Private Building Permits.

New Buildings.

Period.	Houses.		Flats	Converted to Flats	Hotels, Guest Houses.	Dwellings with Shops.	Less Demolitions & Conversions.	Net Total
	Brick etc.	Wood, Fibro						
		Number	of	Dwelling		Units.		
1939 1st Qr.	147	868	78	25	6	15	48	1,093
1940 1st Qr.	150	643	10	47	2	35	40	847
1941 1st Qr.	146	547	25	31	-	7	38	718
2nd Qr.	175	592	42	11	2	15	55	782
3rd Qr.	182	700	40	30	-	8	36	924
4th Qr.	133	585	14	23	1	1	33	724
1942 1st Qr.	66	298	8	17	-	-	17	372

The following table shows the marked fall in private building permits in a few large country towns.

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Value of Private Building Permits Granted.

New Buildings, Alterations & Additions.

Towns.	1939	1940				1941				1942
	1st Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Newcastle	244	206	289	325	251	164	290	333	239	59
Wollongong District	206	110	124	65	59	96	134	147	80	57
Broken Hill	30	21	48	14	23	13	15	19	23	9
Wagga Wagga	6	3	7	12	11	25	20	19	8	6
Other Towns	680	582	547	489	558	414	501	479	403	239
TOTAL	1,166	922	1,015	905	902	712	960	997	753	370

Number of Dwelling Units included in Private Building Permits.

New Buildings.

Towns.	1939		1940		1941		1942	
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.
Newcastle	10	12	15	18	14	22	16	12
Wollongong District	8	5	6	3	4	6	5	3
Broken Hill	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Wagga Wagga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Towns	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
TOTAL	29	28	33	32	29	39	22	16

